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AT REGIONAL SPEECH CONFERENCE**

MISSOULA--

Eight students from the University of Montana in Missoula received awards recently at the regional speech conference sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta, national forensics honorary.

About 150 students and coaches from schools in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington participated in the conference, which was held March 23-26 at Fairmont Hot Springs, east of Anaconda.

In team debate competition, Walter E. Congdon, Missoula, and Patrick C. Olson, Missoula, received a superior rating and second-place in team competition. Thomas M. Melton, Missoula, and Francis W. Mitchell, Great Falls, received an excellent rating.

Melton received a superior rating and first-place in extemporaneous speaking, and William B. Anderson, Anaconda, and Raymond S. Miller, Missoula, received excellent ratings in that event.

Daniel J. Parent, Butte, was rated excellent in oral interpretation of literature and superior in oratory competition. Anderson and Amanda Rosenberg, Anaconda, received excellent ratings in oratory.

Gold medals were awarded to speakers receiving superior ratings. Speakers who rated excellent received certificates.

Faculty members from the UM Department of Interpersonal Communication who served as judges during the Pi Kappa Delta regional meet include: Dr. James H. Polsin, assistant professor; Buford A. Crites, assistant professor and director of forensics at UM, and Wayne Houston, teaching assistant and assistant director of forensics.

The UM speech squad will compete in the Montana State Forensic Association Tournament April 9 in Helena, and will host the Big Sky Invitational Speech Tournament at the University in Missoula April 23-25.